

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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TESTING OF IMPORTED MISSILES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air Force had imported missiles worth Rs. 3.41 crore as reported in the C&AG Report No. 8 of 1999 (Air Force and Navy) on page 10 in para 8 in January, 1996;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not testing the missiles on time; and
- (c) the number of missiles still lying in the weaponary of the Air Force giving reasons for imports of such high valued missiles without any use?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The missiles were not tested for about two years as test facilities required upgradation. Training of Indian technicians was also required. Four missiles are still with IAF in an unserviceable state. These missiles were contracted in 1995 against the anticipated requirement of IAF. Efforts are on to get these missiles repaired.